President.—The *yadast* was given only after the consideration of the last petition?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

Chullikkal Cemetery and Cremation grounds.

178. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the year in which the site for the cemetery and the cremation grounds were selected at Chullikkal in Mattancheri;

(b) the officer or officers who selected the site with names of the personnel of the officers concerned;

(c) the year in which the lands were acquired and the cost of the acquisition;

(d) the year in which the cremation grounds were opened for use in the town and the name of the then President of the Mattancheri Municipal Council;

(e) the date (if available) of the first petition regarding the inconvenience felt by the Chullikkal Church authorities;

(i) to the Municipal Council of Mattancheri;

(ii) to the Diwan of Cochin;

(f) name of the President of the Town Council who first received such a petition;

(g) the orders passed upon such petition, the purport of the order may be stated if a copy cannot be placed on the table;

(h) a copy of the latest order in the matter shifting the cremation ground before Makaram 1102 passed by the Diwan of Cochin and by the Municipal Council;

(i) will the Diwan be pleased to inform, if there is any proposal at present to acquire another site for locating the cremation grounds for use in the Town of Mattancheri; and if so, whether the site chosen or proposed is within or without Town limits;

(j) the distance of the site from the Manthara road;

(k) the extent of the area of the land required for the cremation ground;

(l) the probable or estimated cost of reclamation necessary to make the site suitable for the cremation;

(m) the probable or estimated cost of construction of roads to the proposed cremation grounds;

(n) the cost of the tank that may have to be dug for the use of the people using the cremation grounds;

(o) the number of huts or dwellings with the number of people occupying them within a radius of one acre with the proposed cremation grounds as the centre;

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(p) whether any site outside the Town limits and in close proximity thereof is or is not available at cheaper cost to locate the cremation grounds as and when they are shifted from Chullikkal?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) The site for the cemetery was selected in 1084 and that for the cremation ground in 1087.

(b) The site for the cemetery was selected jointly by Dr. G. N. Coombes (Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer) and Diwan Bahadur V. T. Krishnamachari (Diwan Peishkar). The site for the cremation ground was selected by Mr. K. A. Parameswara Ayyar, the then President of the Town Council.

(c) The land for the cemetery was acquired in 1084 at a cost of Rs. 2,298—2—6.. The land for the cremation ground was acquired in 1089. The cost of acquisition was Rs. 4,034—5—7.

(d) The cremation grounds was opened on 1st Thulam 1091. Mr. K. A. Parameswara Ayyar was the President.

(e) (i) 14—1—1092.

(ii) 20—12—1913.

(f) Rao Sahib Mr. K. J. Guna Pai.

(g) The petitioners were informed that no action could be taken by the Council since the Diwan had finally disposed of the matter.

(h) Copy of the Diwan's Proceedings, dated 24th November 1926 and extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council dated 21st Mithunam 1101 are appended. (*Vide Appendix 1.*)

(i) A site within Town limits has been selected.

(j) 1100 feet.

(k) 75 cents.

(l) Rs. 6,195.

(m) Rs. 6,310.

(n) Rs. 305.

(o) The question cannot possibly be answered since the distance mentioned is not definite.

(p) No suitable site was found to be available.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, it was stated in this House by the Member for Pallivirutti that the Hon'ble Member representing Jews was the person who selected the site and disposed of that petition, when I was Chairman of the Mattancheri Municipality.

President.—When you were the Chairman ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—From the answer given here, I do not find my name appearing in connection with the cremation

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ground whatsoever. Will the Government be pleased to say as to whether I had anything to do with it?

President.—Had you anything to do with it?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I had nothing to do with it.

President.—Therefore the statement of the Member for Pallivirutti is wrong.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—If anything had been done by me, it would have found a place in the records. Whether the Government, in their search of the papers for preparing the answers, came across the name of the Member for Jews, the Chairman of the Mattancheri Municipal Council, and whether he had anything to do with the cemetery or the cremation ground?

President.—Was there anything?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No, Sir.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The answer to sub-division (o) is that the distance mentioned in the question is not definite.

President.—You have mentioned in your question the term 'acre'. Acre is a square measure, i. e., length into breadth. In the case of distances length measurements alone we can have.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—But, Sir, I have said in my question 'within a radius of one acre'.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Radius is not a square measure but a circular measure.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is the result of the measurement, Sir.

President.—I agree with you perfectly.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be prepared to accept any site if it is made available to them?

President.—The whole thing is over and even the work is being started. Is it not so, Mr. Koder?

Mr. S. S. Koder.—It is all finished, Sir.

President.—I know there was considerable heart-burning in this case.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the site is inside the town or outside the town?

President.—It is inside the town.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Would not the same objection prevail as it prevailed with the old site, as far as the present site is also concerned?

President.—The objection was not that the cremation ground is being located in the town, but it is because it is located near the Chullikkal Church. No such objection will arise in the present case.

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—What I beg to bring to your notice, Sir, is that in a church people go once in a week.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—People go to the church every day.

Mr. S. S. Koder.—Every morning, Sir.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Yes, every day for one hour only, I grant. But near the present site people are living there permanently.

President.—If the one acre distance is sought to be kept, there may be a number of huts near the place, which would come within the radius. But they are poor people.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Was any search made outside the town limits for the purpose of selecting a site in the vicinity of the town?

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—There are people there also.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—You want notice as to whether any search was made?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes.

President.—Don't make any comment on the answer.

Damages due to the floods.

179. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ശങ്കരൻനമ്പൂതിരി—(എ) പല്ലർ, ദേശമംഗലം, നെടുമ്പുര, ചെറുതുരുത്തി, പൈങ്കുളം, മായന്നൂർ, ഈ വില്ലേജുകളിൽ ജലപ്രളയം നിമിത്തം ഇപ്പോഴും തരിശായി കിടക്കുന്നഭൂമികൾക്കു കൊല്ലംതോറും വസൂൽചെയ്യുവരുന്ന സക്കാർ നികുതി എത്രയാണെന്നു പറയുവാനും,

(b) മണൽവിണ തരിശായി കിടക്കുന്ന ഭൂമികളുടെ സക്കാർ നികുതി കുറവുചെയ്തു തരുവാൻ മേല്പറഞ്ഞ വില്ലേജുകളിൽ നിന്നു കിട്ടിയ അപേക്ഷകളുടെ എണ്ണം സഭയെ അറിയിക്കുവാനും,

(c). ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു് ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ ചെയ്ത അവസാന തീർപ്പും അതിന്നടസ്ഥാനമായ എഴുത്തുകുത്തുകളും അച്ചടിച്ചു മേശപ്പുറത്തു വയ്ക്കുവാനും ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനു് ദയവുണ്ടാകുമൊ?

റാവുസാഹിബു് മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. വി. കുസ്തുരിരങ്കയ്യർ.—(എ).

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide answer to Question No. 178.)

(1)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

(Local and Miscellaneous Department.)

Read correspondence ending with letter dated 25th August 1926, R. O. C. No. 657/98, from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Mattancheri.

Order R. O. P. No. 624/1101, dated 24th November 1926.

The new Chairman is requested to go into the whole question and submit a report.

(True extract)

(Signed)
Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Chairman, Municipal Council, Mattancheri.

(2)

Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Mattancheri, dated 21st Mithunam 1101.

There were two resolutions (1) Read letter dated 23rd June 1926, from Mr. N. M. Krishna Ayyar, regarding the removal of the Hindu cremation ground. "Lodge". (2) Read the estimate for Rs. 11,800 for the new Hindu cremation ground with the remarks of the Works Committee".

"Proposed by Mr. V. P. Kannu Pillai, that the estimate may be passed for Rs. 8,070—omitting the item compound wall work which is not necessary for the present."

"Seconded by Mr. G. L. Kilikar."

"Opposed by Messrs. V. Kumara Menon, Namicha Eliyavu and C. K. Narayanan. The proposition was put to votes and the estimate as proposed by Mr. Kannu Pillai passed by a majority."

APPENDIX II.

(Vide answer to Question No. 183)

Communities	No. at the time of Government order	Admissions	Withdrawls	Present strength	Remarks
Caste Hindus	15	23	26	12	Teacher boarders not included.
Christians	..	15	10	6	
Muslims	...	5	1	4	
Tiyyas	...	2	1	1	

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